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DIRECTORY.

We are pleased to publish the following directory for the benefit of our citizens and visitors, and to insure correctness the News should be promptly notified when changes occur.

TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN.—S. B. Twitchell, C. E. Barker, West, F. J. Russell, Clerk, L. T. Barker; Treasurer, W. W. Hastings; Supt. of Schools, H. H. Hastings; School Committee, Miss Jane Gibson, Z. W. Bartlett, East; N. F. Brown, Town Agent, A. E. Herriok; Collector, H. H. Bean; Auditor, Calvin Bisbee.

MAIL SERVICE.

MAILS CLOSE.
Going East, 8:40 a. m., 3:15 p. m.
Closed mail for Portland and Boston, 8 p. m.

MAILS ARRIVE.
From East, 10:50 a. m., 4:50 p. m.
From West, 9:15 a. m., 3:45 p. m.

CHURCHES.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL, Main street, Rev. W. B. Eldridge, Pastor. Sunday, Prayer meeting, 10 a. m.; Preaching service, 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Junior League, 3 p. m.; Epworth League, 6:15 p. m.; Prayer meeting, 7 p. m. Tuesday—Class meeting, 7:30 p. m. Friday—Prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m.

UNIVERSALIST, Church street, Rev. F. E. Barton, Pastor. Sunday—Preaching service, 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Y. P. S. C. E., 7 p. m. Tuesday—Prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m.

CONGREGATIONAL, Church street, Rev. Arthur Varley, Pastor. Sunday—Preaching service, 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Y. P. S. C. E., 7 p. m. Tuesday—Prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m.

UNION CHURCH, West Bethel, supplied by Rev. Arthur Varley and Rev. F. E. Barton. Sunday—Preaching, 2:30 p. m.; Sunday school, 3:30 p. m.

LIBRARY.

Public Library, Broad street. Open Wednesday, from 8 to 3 p. m.; Saturday, 4 to 8 p. m. Over 5000 volumes. Mrs. G. R. Wiley, President; Annie Frye, Secretary; Mrs. O. M. Mason, Treasurer; Mrs. L. T. Barker, Librarian.

FRATERNAL ORDERS.

BETHEL LODGE, No. 97, F. & A. M.—N. E. Richardson, W. M.; W. E. Abbott, S. W.; H. C. Rowe, J. W.; M. W. Chandler, Treas.; D. G. Lovejoy, Sec. Meets second Thursday of each month.

MT. ABRAHAM LODGE, I. O. O. F., No. 31—A. C. Frost, N. G.; E. S. Kilburn, V. G.; Chas. Mason, Rec. Sec.; C. C. Bryant, F. S.; S. I. French, Treas. Meets Saturday evenings.

SUNSET REBEKAH LODGE, I. O. O. F., No. 64—Martha A. Gibson, N. G.; Alice J. Farwell, V. G.; Jane H. Gibson, Rec. Sec.; Maria Hastings, Fin. Sec.; Ellen M. Burbank, Treas. Meets first and third Monday of each month.

BETHEL GRANGE, No. 56—John F. Howe, Master; Mrs. C. E. Valentine, Lecturer; J. S. Hutchins, Secretary. Meets Saturday afternoons, once in two weeks.

SUBURBY COL., No. 50, U. O. P. F.—J. C. Billings, Gov.; E. C. Park, Sec.; E. S. Kilburn, Treas. Meets the first and third Monday of each month.

BETHEL LODGE, No. 27, J. O. U. A. M.—F. J. Tyler, C. S.; A. S. Gibson, R. S.; John Yates, F. S.; Harry Jordan, Treas. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday in each month.

Brown Post, No. 84, G. A. R.—Ira Jordan, P. C.; A. M. True, Adj. Meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p. m.

Brown Post, W. R. C., No. 36—Mrs. Arvilla Morgan, Pres.; Mrs. C. S. Littlehale, Sec.; Miss E. E. Burnham, Treas. Meets the first and third Thursday of each month.

Bethel W. C. T. U.—Mrs. O. M. Mason, Pres.; Mrs. Arthur Varley, Vice Pres.; Mrs. F. S. Chandler, Sec.; Mrs. L. T. Barker, Treas. Meets Tuesday, once in two weeks.

CORPORATIONS.

Bethel Savings Bank.—S. B. Twitchell, Pres.; A. E. Herriok, Treas.

Bethel Chair Co.—J. H. Barrows, Pres., Calvin Bisbee, Treas.

Bethel Water Co.—Enoch Foster, Pres. A. E. Herriok, Treas.

Bethel Dairying Co.—W. E. Abbott, Manager.

Riverside Park Association.—C. M. Wormell, Pres.; E. C. Rowe, Treas.

SOCIAL SOCIETIES.

Ladies' Club, Congregational.—Pres. Mrs. A. E. Herriok; Vice Pres. Mrs. Gilbert Tuell; Sec. Miss Mary True; Treas. Mrs. F. B. Tuell. Meets Thursday afternoon.

Ladies' Circle, Universalist.—Mrs. L. A. Pratt, Pres.; Mrs. G. J. Wiley, Vice Pres.; Mrs. L. B. Hopkins, Sec.; Mrs. E. C. Rowe, Treas. Meets Wednesday afternoon.

Ladies' Church Aid Society, Methodist.—Mrs. H. C. Andrews, Pres.; Mrs. Cyrene Littlehale, Vice Pres.; Mrs. Calvin Bisbee, Treas.; Miss Ethel Morse, Sec.

Columbian Club.—Mrs. A. E. Herriok, Pres.; Miss Annie M. Frye, Sec.; Mrs. T. F. Hastings, Treas.

UNITED ORDER OF GOLDEN CROSS No. 484.—N. C. J. H. Barrows, W. T. Calvin Bisbee, F. K. of R., S. W. Grover, K. of R., F. W. Bisbee.

House for Sale.

Anyone desiring to buy a small house in Bethel village, will do well to call at once on Dr. F. B. Tuell.

The LOCAL NEWS.

Items of Interest Picked Up About Town by the News Man.

Dr. J. B. Twaddelle spent Sunday in Lewiston.

J. C. Saunders of Hanover, was in town Monday.

Miss Ethel Richardson went to Portland Saturday.

Miss Rose Kimball spent Sunday at her home at East Bethel.

The W. C. T. U. will meet Tuesday Apr. 3, at the home of Mrs. Billings.

Mrs. Dwight Rose started for Boston last Thursday, where she will spend the summer.

Mrs. Dan Sparring and little Gladys have just returned from a few days visit in Portland.

W. P. Carr, special agent for the Western Assurance Co. of Toronto, Canada, was in town last Friday.

Mrs. Fred Chandler was in Bethel Saturday to attend the funeral of her aunt, Miss Rebecca Chandler.

The Ladies' Church Aid Society will meet Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with Miss Olive Wheeler.

Mr. Calvin Bisbee was called to West Paris, last Thursday owing to the sickness of his brother-in-law, A. R. Tuell.

Bethel people who have any kind of plain sewing that they wish to have done, will do well to call upon Kate and Caddy Grover.

The auction sale of household goods of Mrs. Florence Holt that was postponed from last week, will be held next Saturday forenoon at 10 o'clock.

Rev. I. A. Bean of South Paris, will lecture at the M. E. church next Monday evening, April 2. Subject: "The Wife for the Times." See posters later.

Walton Wight whose illness took such a serious turn about two weeks ago, is rapidly improving, and his friends hope to see him out as soon as the weather will permit.

Next Sunday evening, Mrs. F. E. Rand will address the Christian Endeavor upon mission work in Micronesia. A cordial invitation is extended to all who are interested in this subject.

Mr. Edwin Bean and his family visited Mr. H. H. Bean last Friday, and left for Framingham Saturday morning where Mr. Bean has a good position. He has lived on the Endicott farm in Shelburne, for the past two years.

The young people of the Universalist Society, gave a very interesting and successful entertainment in Odeon hall last Thursday evening. The program consisted of solos, duets, declamations, recitations and the farce, "Who Caught the Count," all of which was pleasingly carried out and enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience. A short dance followed the entertainment.

House cleaning time is at hand and our people are beginning to look around to see what is needed in the way of house furnishings; to all such Bradford & Conant of Lewiston extend an invitation to come and examine their large and well selected stock. They have one of the largest and best appointed furniture stores east of Boston, and have an established reputation for honest dealings. We heartily recommend them to our friends who are in the market for house furnishings.

Thursday morning Miss Rebecca Chandler died suddenly from heart failure while suffering from an attack of lagrippe. Miss Chandler was born in North Conway, May 24, 1835, and was the daughter of the late Enoch Fulson and Hannah Shirley Chandler. The family removed to Bethel in 1854. Miss Chandler was the last but one of the family, Mr. Francis Chandler who still resides here. The services were conducted by Rev. Arthur Varley, pastor of the Congregational church, of which Miss Chandler had for many years been a member.

Mrs. William Jordan is visiting friends in Portland.

Calvin Bisbee was in Portland yesterday, on business.

Miss Mattie Gibson is the guest of Miss Lillian Kimball, at East Bethel.

Mr. Isaac S. Morrill is sawing 500 cords of birch at his mill in Bethel village.

Spring Overcoats at F. H. Noyes' Blue Store, Norway. Finest line ever shown in the county.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. Newton Richardson Thursday P. M. at 3 o'clock.

Wesley Wheeler, who has been in Auburn the past two weeks, returned home Saturday.

Miss Mabelle Rand of Boston is to spend a week in Bethel with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Rand.

Capt. F. Coburn of Middle Dam who has been visiting in town for a few days, returned home to-day.

F. L. Willis, whose mill at East Bethel burned last week, at a loss of about \$600, is preparing to rebuild.

We have put in that stock of stationery at last, and you can get anything you wish for in note books, tablets, pencils, paper, pens etc., etc. at the News office. We have a better assortment than ever before.

Mr. R. E. L. Farwell has so far covered from his recent illness as to attend to his duties at his store. The condition of Mrs. Farwell, who has been very ill of la grippe for the past two weeks, seem to be but little improved.

After the house is well cleaned the next thing that suggests itself is some nice new pictures for the walls. The pictures of course must have frames and it is on this subject that Miss L. C. Hall can interest you. She has a nice new line of mouldings in gills, greys, and browns, so very popular at the present time for Perry picture prints, etc. Call and see them.

Capt. Thomas S. Hutchins died at his late residence on Grover Hill this morning of heart failure. He has been in poor health for several years but has been gradually failing during the past winter. He has practiced law to some extent in the west, and also in Oxford and Kennebec counties in this state. Mr. Hutchins was captain of the 8th Me. regiment and served his country faithfully during the civil war. It may be said that he belonged to a military family, as he was one of four commissioned officers of his family. He is survived by a wife, three sons and six daughters.

Mr. Gustavus Burbank died at his home in Bethel last Thursday after several months' illness. Although Mr. Burbank was not a native of Bethel he has lived here for many years and has been one of our most highly respected citizens. He was a member of Mt. Abram lodge I. O. O. F., and it may be said that that lodge never admitted a more worthy and faithful member. He was ever present at the lodge meetings because he loved the order and was deeply interested in its progress. It is stated by the members that for 52 weeks in succession he would beat his post in the lodge and render his report of the condition of a sick brother, a report of whom he was to be responsible for. Mr. Burbank was a strong republican and was always present at the polls to cast his vote. He was about 75 years of age; for the past few years he has been seriously afflicted with rheumatism, so that for most of the time he was unable to work. He leaves a widow, two daughters and a son. The daughters both live in Bethel, and the son, Morton Burbank, has a position in New York City, where he has been for several years; he arrived home before his father died, and the entire family were with him during the last hours. He was buried Sunday under the rites of Odd Fellowship. The funeral took place at his late residence and was conducted by Rev. W. B. Eldridge.

The monthly business meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. will meet with Mrs. Helen Briggs, next Friday evening.

What promises to be the event of the season, is a dancing party to be given Friday evening by the gentlemen of Bethel. No efforts are being spared to make this, one of the pleasantest occasions for years. Music will be furnished by Burnham and Barney's orchestra of seven pieces.

Mr. John A. Libby died at his home at Middle Intervale, Sunday morning. His health had been poor for several years. About one month ago he suffered a shock from which he did not recover. He was unmarried. He came to Bethel many years ago from Bridgton. He leaves two or three brothers in Waterford or Bridgton.

NORWAY.

Miss Emma Stevens of Andover, is with her mother, Mrs. C. H. Adams.

Stone, the druggist, has an attractive window display. The words, "Pure Drugs," are formed from saltpetre, and lie on a blue vitrol background.

Evangelist Herbert Gale holds a service in the Congregational church, next Friday evening. He begins a two weeks' mission at Mechanic Falls Monday.

The taking of stock commenced in B. F. Spinney & Co.'s cutting room, Monday. Several weeks will elapse before the work will be accomplished in the many departments.

Frank Williams returned Saturday, from a sojourn of several months in Cuba. His health is good and he seems none the worse off for the rough experiences among the natives.

Dwight L. Stevens closed his engagement at the shoe factory and has a farm in North Paris on a one year's lease. Mr. Stevens is a competent vesting and tip cutter, but his health will not permit a further discharge of his duties in the close factory.

Excellent music was furnished by a sextette in the Congregational church, Sunday. Herman Horne, Gertrude McArde, Mrs. Walter Chandler, Carrie Tucker, Clara Gammon, and Chester Horne are the members. It is hoped they may be engaged to sing during the summer months. Their selections were well chosen and tastefully rendered.

Friday evening is the time set for the appearance of the South Paris Minstrels. Excellent talent has been secured by the company so an up-to-date show may be expected. Walter Stearns directs the orchestra. The funny men of Norway and South Paris have some pretty sharp hits to make and none should miss this opportunity to laugh and grow fat.

GRAFTON.

The children of Mrs. S. P. Davis have the whooping cough.

Claude Brown of Rumford Falls is staying at John Hewey's.

Milliet Lombard of Upton, is doing chores at Mrs. A. W. Farrar's.

S. P. Davis has been helping A. F. Brooks haul freight to Upton.

Ernest Farrar sold two loads of potatoes at Bethel last week, delivering with his own team.

Two logging teams belonging to R. B. Thurston of Errol, N. H., passed through town Sunday, on their way from Houghton.

Advertised Letters.

Letters for the following named parties may be found at the post office:

Mrs. Mary A. Darling.
Mr. I. N. Wilbur.
Henry F. Wilkie.

J. C. BILLINGS.

The M. I. L. of Gould's Academy.

The M. I. L., the new secret society of Gould's Academy, held its first meeting of the term, last Friday evening and elected officers, as follows:

C. C.—Wm. H. Holmes.
V. C.—George E. Ryerson.
S.—Walter Holmes.
T.—Merritt B. Gay.
T.—Ouy Barker.

D.—F. E. Hanscom.
X.—Arthur Watson.
S. E.—Gilbert Tuell.
J. E.—Chester Bean.

Ex. Com.—Gotthard Carlson,
Edwin L. Harvey,
Chas. Holmes.

F. I. Barker of Santa Barbara, Cal., has presented the society with a gavel made from the heart of an apricot tree which grew in his garden at Santa Barbara.

Motive in Public Spirit.

Public spirit may be defined as doing the right thing in public affairs for right's sake at the right time. These are the three constituent elements. Many a person does the right thing for policy's sake on the principle that "honesty is the best policy." The politician contributes to a church fund or other benevolent object to make himself popular with those interested in it. He is doing the right thing; but only for policy's sake. The motive is lacking to make it an entirely acceptable gift. We are constantly hearing of the generosity of the "district leader," or the "ward boss." How he is sending coal here and food there, and visiting the sick and the bereaved. He obeys the Scriptural injunction so far, but he fails to keep within the spirit or to observe the part about keeping one's self "unspotted from the world." And what does he exact in return for all his kindness and sympathy? Unquestioning obedience to his political orders; an unswerving support of his political course. No matter if he is supporting corrupt measures; no matter if he is aiding rich and unscrupulous corporations to flitch valuable franchises; no matter if he is saddling heavy burdens on posterity and squandering the public funds—so long as he is good to the poor in his district, he is said to be generous, and by some, public-spirited. He is doing a right thing, but for what base and despicable motives!

Something more than proper motive is needed in public spirit. Wisdom is essential. Wisdom tells you when to do the right thing for right's sake. How much good and well-intended advice and admonition has gone astray because given at the wrong time. Through his negligence and foolhardiness a boy falls into the river. He cannot swim. Your first duty is to rescue him, not to lecture him on his short-comings or his heedlessness. For while you are doing that he may drown. The same is true with regard to a rebellious child. There is a right and a wrong time to correct it. There can be no question as to the need of the remedy. There is a question as to the time of applying it.

The same principle should be applied in public affairs as in private. The right of petition, of free speech, of discussion, should never be abridged. Healthful criticism of the Government should always be invited and tolerated; but there is a right and a wrong time to apply it. The public-spirited man is he who applies it at the right time and for the good of his country.

Governor Roosevelt put the case in a nut-shell when he said: "Criticism is undoubtedly necessary, though less so than many other things. The men who criticize most severely are rarely those who work effectively to destroy the evils complained of. Excessive and indiscriminate scolding, fretting and faultfinding are even more injurious than excessive and indiscriminate laudation." In short, criticism is not necessarily public spirit. We must not mistake the mere critic for the patriot.

Card of Thanks.

We wish

A QUESTION OF FOOD.

Statements Before Vegetarian Society Cause Surprise.

Dr. Thomas Advocates the Living on Raw Food—Says That Men Live in Spite of Cooking.

When George Donaldson had delivered his lecture on "Food and Nutrition" at New York the other evening before the Vegetarian society a visitor, Dr. Thomas, gave some personal experiences in eating that astonished even such strict dieticians as the vegetarians. Dr. Thomas said that all life-giving energy comes from the sun, plants lock the sunshine in their tissues and man gets his strength from them. The animals have this energy also—to a far less extent—but they get it from vegetable food. So it was like going to a second-hand store for one's clothes—getting one's nourishment from animal flesh.

Dr. Thomas' contribution amounted to this: He lives on raw food. He eats raw wheat with the husks, uncooked bread that is rolled into the shape of cakes and all sorts of fruit. Men live in spite of cooking, because they do not kill all the life-giving germs. For a long time he sought some means by which the raw white potato might be made palatable. One day when his system needed salt he craved a tuber, and ever since he has been eating this vegetable. When he was told that the skin was poisonous he for a scientific experiment ate it with relish. Once for a similar reason he devoured flesh raw, but the trouble with that is the alcohol and other injurious substances that death will not allow the animal to rid itself of.

He says he can run for an indefinite time without stopping, has lifted 1,455 pounds and equals in strength three ordinary men. He never wears any underclothing or overcoat, and should he catch cold he feels none of its usual weakening effects. One day after a snowstorm he took off his socks, loosely laced his shoestrings and walked downtown to see if his feet would be cold. His wife and one-year-old baby live on such a diet as raw wheat, raw cabbage and raw potatoes. The child never was ill, and has exceptional strength. For three months Dr. Thomas lived on raw wheat at the expense of one dollar.

SAVED FOR HIS HEIRS.

How Cornelius Cut Down Expense of Administering His Estate by \$3,000,000.

It is pointed out that by making bequests to the executors and trustees of his estate Cornelius Vanderbilt saved for his children almost \$3,000,000. Senator Depew was given \$200,000, whereas if he had received his commission as executor and trustee, he would have received something like \$750,000. The executors and trustees are the widow of the testator, Mrs. Alice Vanderbilt, William K. Rossiter, Chauncey M. Depew and E. V. W. Rossiter. For her services Mrs. Vanderbilt received, besides her husband's personal property and most of his real estate, \$2,000,000 in cash, and an annuity of \$250,000. William K. Vanderbilt received \$100,000, Chauncey M. Depew \$200,000 and E. V. W. Rossiter \$50,000.

Had they received the compensation fixed by law Mrs. Vanderbilt would receive additionally \$70,000; Chauncey M. Depew would receive \$550,000 more, Willie K. Vanderbilt \$650,000 more, and E. V. W. Rossiter \$700,000 more. That is, they would receive in the aggregate nearly \$3,000,000 to be divided among four executors, which sum would include also their fees as trustees.

DOG TRAINED TO STEAL.

Snatches Woman's Purse in New York City and Makes Good His Escape.

A black and tan terrier, trained to steal, snatched a pocketbook from the hand of Mrs. William C. Eldredge early the other evening as she stood with her husband in front of the Hoffman house, New York. The dog escaped with the booty. Mr. and Mrs. Eldredge arrived here a few days ago on their way to Europe. Attracted by a floral display in a window, Mrs. Eldredge stood admiring the flowers. Mrs. Eldredge carried in her hand an expensive purse. She felt a tug at her side and saw a small black and tan terrier dash off with her purse in its mouth. The dog dashed toward a woman at Broadway and Twenty-fifth street, and at a signal from her continued on into the park. Then the woman disappeared in the crowd.

CASTELLANE'S PLAY REFUSED

Father of Count Henri Blames Government for His Work's Rejection.

Some time ago Marquis de Castellane, father of Anna Gould's husband, wrote a play which he submitted to the manager of the Odeon theater. The play not being produced, the marquis declared the play's refusal by the manager was due to the intervention of the government, and referred to the ministers in most abusive terms.

When interviewed, the manager of the Odeon declared categorically that there was not the slightest truth in Castellane's statement, and that he never had any idea of producing the play.

Guernsey Cattle.

There are between 700 and 800 breeders of Guernsey cattle in this country, and the cattle number about 12,000 head.

URGE BOXING IN SCHOOLS.

President Harris and Superintendent Andrews, of Chicago, Encourage Students.

A series of boxing bouts which were held in the basement of the south division high school at Chicago the other night, finds favor in the eyes of the board of education authorities. President Graham H. Harris said he saw nothing wrong in it as long as Principal Smith sanctioned the boxing and had an instructor supervise it. Superintendent of Schools Andrews indorses the exercise. The bouts were under the direct supervision of instructor Perrine.

Mr. Smith says no brutality was displayed. Several of the trustees, including Mrs. Keating and Schwab, have opposed pugilism in the high schools.

Principal Smith said: "These bouts were held at the request of the boys. I told them they could hold them provided it was done in the presence of our regular athletic director. When the boys had their meeting I was informed of it and told Mr. Perrine to look after the matter. He did so and reported to me that there was nothing brutal in it. It was simply an exercise for the boys. One boy's nose bled, but there was nothing which at all resembled pugilism in the sense in which it is understood."

Dr. Andrews said of the matter: "I certainly consider boxing the best exercise for the muscles of the body. This sport brings into play muscles which can be developed in no other way. I believe that as long as these affairs are conducted under the supervision of the principal and are gentlemanly in every way, no objection can be found in them. I have no criticism to make of Mr. Smith, as I believe in athletic sports, provided they do not interfere with the studies and are not brutal."

President Harris said he had often boxed in his younger days, and was sorry now that he had not done so more often.

GIRL BORNE ALOFT BY OWLS.

Six-Year-Old Daughter of Minnesota Man Is Attacked and Carried in Midair.

Attacked by owls and carried by the birds to an abandoned building a quarter of a mile away, from which she was rescued by her father, was the exciting experience of little Annie Johnson. Mr. Johnson, who lives three miles south of St. Vincent, Minn., is a poultry raiser. At dusk the other evening Annie, who is six years of age, heard a commotion in the hen yard. Rushing out she found the place had been attacked by a large number of white owls of gigantic size.

The girl went at once to the defense of the fowls. Instantly she was set upon by the birds, which made ferocious onslaughts upon her. In order to protect her face and eyes from the beaks and claws of the birds the child was forced to cover her head with her dress.

Her father, hearing her screams, ran from the house just in time to see the owls dart upon the child, fasten their talons in her clothing and then raise her from the snow-covered ground and bear her away.

Mr. Johnson followed them until they disappeared in the old building. Immediately a great noise arose within, and as the half-crazed father entered he saw the birds deposit the child on a platform half way up to the roof, where she was immediately surrounded by hundreds of the birds. As Mr. Johnson approached they flew away. The little girl was found to be uninjured, but her dress was torn almost to ribbons.

SHIRKING SUSPECTED.

The Practice of Self-Maiming Among the Troops in the Philippines.

According to the recent mail advices from the Philippines it seems that the practice of self-maiming has prevailed to a greater or less extent among the troops in the Philippines.

The matter was brought to the attention of Gen. Otis by Col. A. A. Woodhull, deputy surgeon general and chief surgeon of the department of the Pacific, in a letter in which he said:

"Self-inflicted wounds of the hand and occasionally of the feet, claimed to be accidental, usually occurring on outpost, are so frequent that I have the honor to suggest that all such cases be carefully investigated by a board of survey similar to that called for in case of desertion to determine the circumstances under which they actually occurred and especially in relation to line duty. A. of these men become disabled for military duty, with usually a minimum amount of maiming for civil occupation, and thus secure discharge."

Gen. Otis incorporated this letter in a general order to the troops and directed that all cases of the character referred to and all cases where there was reason to believe that the wounds were self-inflicted be promptly investigated and reported to the headquarters of the department of the Pacific.

Temptation to Fair Sex.

The government has during the past three months sent fifty tons of candy to the troops in the Philippines. If this sort of thing continues, says the Chicago Times-Herald, women will be breaking into the army next.

Never Satisfied.

There is a man in Georgia who is the president of 27 banks, and yet, remarks the Chicago Times-Herald, it probably makes him sad every time he thinks of the three he needs to make the number even.

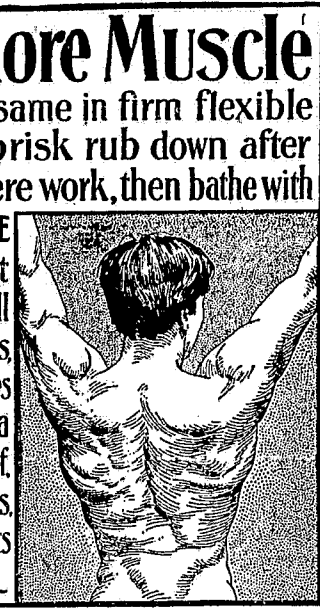


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THE FARMER'S SIDE.

IMPORTANT POINTS IN GOOD ROADS PROBLEM.

He Should Insist on Being Allowed to Determine What Roads to Improve and That the Cities Should Help Pay the Cost.

There are two important points which the farmer should always insist upon in discussing the good roads question.

In the first place, no one but the farmer himself should be permitted to determine the improvements in roads which are to be undertaken for his benefit. Little good will result to him from the construction of boulevards connecting the larger cities. They would not be used by the farmer. The farmer's roads are the roads radiating from the railway stations, from the county seats and country market towns, the roads which connect his farm with the postoffice, the village store, the schoolhouse, the church and the railroad depot. If the good roads people have the farmer's interest honestly at heart, if they really mean to direct their efforts toward the advancement of agriculture and to reducing the cost of hauling crops, these are the roads they will seek to improve. Farmers have opposed almost every movement for the construction of drives and boulevards intended to connect the cities, and properly so. Farmers should not be expected to contribute to the cost of building them.

Secondly, the farmer should insist that any general plan of road improvement must provide for placing a liberal share of the cost upon the cities. It is simply out of the question for

levied state highway taxes and have built roads by a system of state aid. While the rate of taxation has been low the amount collected has been considerable. In New York a state tax of 1-10 cents upon every thousand dollars' assessed valuation created a road fund of \$50,000, four-fifths of the whole amount being collected in the cities, where most of the property in the state is situated. The state aid system does not interfere with present road building methods, but simply provides a means by which an enterprising community desiring to possess first class highways may obtain financial assistance for the purpose. In New York the towns complying with the state aid law receive from outside sources a sum four or five times as large as the amount they raise themselves for road building purposes. The state contributes to the expense of road building just as it contributes to the cost of maintaining public schools, which are conducted by local officials, but which to receive such state assistance must be up to a certain standard.

This system of state aid is meeting with general approval from farmers wherever understood. It is deservedly popular in the east, especially in New Jersey where it has been in effect since 1892 or 1893. The farmers' national congress, the most powerful and influential agricultural body in the world, has strongly indorsed it. Minnesota has adopted a constitutional amendment authorizing state aid to roads by a popular vote of almost two to one. A similar constitutional amendment is pending in Wisconsin. A state convention of 800 farmers, held at Milwaukee at the time of the last state fair, unanimously indorsed state aid in road building. Similar resolutions were passed this fall by 30 good roads conventions held in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Texas and Arkansas, all of which were controlled by farmers. OTTO DORNER, Chairman L. A. W. Highway Improvement Committee.

Road Necessary.

The invention of the locomotive would never have amounted to much if no one had ever invented a track for it to run on. One of these items is as essential as the other in securing good and rapid transportation.

Roads of Europe.

The continent of Europe has 982,300 miles of public highway, most of which is kept in good condition by special provincial or departmental taxes.

Good Roads in Other Countries.

There are, it is estimated, 300,000 miles of highway in the United States, about 20 per cent of the roads of all the world. Great Britain has 120,000 miles of roadways, and these are some of the best in the world. Germany has 275,000 miles of roads, and some of them are as poor as the roadways of a great country can be. France, which has taken an enlightened view of the good roads question for many years and has spent by governmental or local authority more than \$1,000,000,000 on highways, has a road mileage of 330,000, more than any other country. Russia, with an enormous area, has only 70,000 miles of roadways, while Italy, a smaller country, has 55,000. Wide tires for heavy loads are prescribed in all these countries.



GOOD IN ALL SEASONS.

(From L. A. W. Bulletin.)

the farmers alone to provide a general system of good roads. The cities are the great centers of wealth. They are the great distributing points for both manufactures and agricultural products. Agricultural America has built them up and maintains them. Their union with the farming districts is close upon a hundred different channels of trade. Each depends upon the other. What is more proper, then, than that the city should unite with the country in constructing and maintaining suitable and efficient means of communication and transportation? And the cities are willing, too, to join hands with the farmer in doing so. These two important considerations are both properly observed in the system of state aid to roads. Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut are probably the states which have made the greatest progress in country road building. They have all



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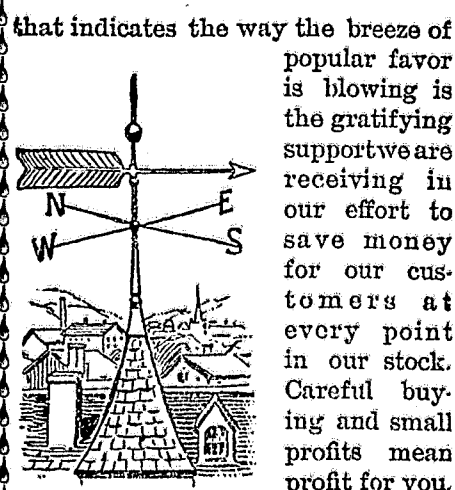
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WOMAN'S WORLD.

If Women Had Control.

[Frank Putnam in Chicago Times-Herald.] If all the men were women, and all the women men, how very different would life seem to us then. Imagine girls with flowing beards and men with trailing gowns; the hubby made unhappy by wife's savage frowns. When she denied his plea for cash and sullenly declared "That he might wear his present clothes, by gum, for all she cared." Imagine women trading with distant foreign lands. The men attending smokers, with sewing in their hands. The women sneering mildly, intending to de-note. The pitying contempt they had for men who wished to vote. And then imagine women complaining thro' the town. How men, to get employment, would cut the wages down. When women rose in council, their hobbies to rehearse. They might improve the present modes—they couldn't make 'em worse. They'd clear the towns from debt, which men they'd levy taxes honestly, and spend 'em that way, too. And every rogue that rules us now would ornament the pen. If all the men were women and all the women men,

Educating The Small Boy.

"The small boy is a serious problem, and should be taken seriously," says Kate Upson Clarke in a volume which she has recently published upon this question. "To him the small things which make up his interest in life are as great as the responsibilities of diplomats seem to them when sent to arbitrate between nations. It is quite necessary for mothers, fathers, nurses, governesses and teachers to try as far as possible to put themselves in his place, look at the world from his point of view, before forming judgments which might hurt his feelings and perhaps embitter his whole life."

This is impossible to do perfectly, Miss Clarke says, but one can do no more than try. It is the personal sympathy which influences the boy, and unless a mother enjoys the unlimited confidence of her boy she cannot bring him up or have the fullest influence upon his life which she desires and should have.

Miss Clarke states in her preface that she takes it for granted that the boy is properly housed, fed and clothed. It is his mental and spiritual upbringing which forms the subject of her book. The book is directed more especially to the mother who never had any brothers, and, lacking the privilege of having been a boy herself, is therefore wholly at loss to know how to treat her little son when he begins to develop from a baby into a real boy.

In regard to a boy's manners Miss Clarke has this to say: No cut and dried rules will ever make the boy the sort of man the parent wants him to become. He must be impressed with the personality of his parents. The boy is a great imitator, and very likely to be the same kind of a man his father is.

A certain conventionality must be observed at home if the child is to be made a welcome member of society. There can be no division or difference—no company manners. Company manners must be home manners. Josh Billings remarked once that good breeding can make even a fool agreeable, which is true. He who has the self-possession and art of your true society man, has a weapon for the world's battle, which he is a fool to scorn.

Good poetry is, perhaps, the very best thing to develop right sentiment in a child. Nationalism in eating or anything else, should be discouraged. He should be kept busy, too. Make him understand that the price of a home is very great, and he, as one of the individuals who derive the benefits, should also perform as much as possible of the work required to keep it up.

As to the practice of smoking, Miss Clarke contends that it is of no use, and is unhealthy besides. The first objection which will appeal to the boy is that it will stunt his growth, and that athletes are never allowed by their trainers to smoke. Games and athletics she thoroughly believes in. Most of all, perhaps, she emphasizes the necessity for learning to swim before all other aquatic sports. Football, however, she characterizes as too brutal to be called a game.

In the line of home education she says that there is only one thing more harmful than too little care about what books are read, and that is too much. She believes in the old books of standard literature. It is her opinion that if the boy is let loose in a library full of good old standard books he will find much nourishing reading which will help him more than if he is given certain books and forbidden to read others—the worse

possible thing to do. As proof of the worth of this advice, she cites the great number of famous men who have written of the "Books Which Have Helped Me," all of which were the old books by standard authors.

Miss Clarke claims that suitable companions should be furnished by the parents for children, so that their high ideals may grow up with them and they may make no mistake in later life, when it becomes time for them to marry.

She believes that, in the boy's political education, every opportunity should be seized upon to explain to him what it all means, so that he will grow up with a full understanding of the bearing of politics upon the community. A parent should make a study of the political system with him, explaining everything in municipal, county, State and National affairs. Let him not only read the papers of one party, but of all parties, and so form his opinion from a comprehensive view of the best points of all, as well as of the worst.

Newspapers as Educators.

A school teacher who has been a long time engaged in his profession, and witnessed the influence of a newspaper on the minds of a family of children, writes as follows: "I have found it to be a universal fact, without exception, that those scholars of both sexes and all ages, who have access to newspapers at home, when compared with those who have not, are better readers, excellent in pronunciation, have consequently read more and understandingly. They are better spellers, and define words with ease and accuracy. They obtain practical knowledge of geography in almost half the time it requires of others, as the newspapers have made them acquainted with the location of the important places of nature, their government and doings on the globe. They are better grammarians, for, having become so familiar with every style in the newspapers, from the commonplace advertisements to the finished and classical oration of the statesman, they more readily comprehend the meaning of the text, and consequently analyze its construction with accuracy. They write better compositions, using better language, correctly expressed. Those young men who have for years been readers of newspapers, and are always taking the lead in debating societies, exhibit a more extensive knowledge upon a greater variety of subjects, and express their views with greater fluency, clearness and correctness."

Worrying Women.

A great deal of precious life is frittered away worrying over trifles and over things that cannot be helped. There is no such kill-joy in the home as the always fretting, complaining woman, who sees only the dark side of things, upon whose world, apparently, the sun never shines. Everything is wrong, and nothing is ever right. Husband and children are made to suffer for the shortcomings of circumstances, and there is for no one in the four walls of such a home, one chance in a hundred for even the minimum of happiness. Many a woman of this distressing type began her married life a cheerful, light-hearted girl. Sometimes it has been physical suffering that has robbed her of her courage, and sometimes disaster and bereavement which were almost too much to be borne. But nevertheless, the pain is not eased, the calamity averted, the loss made good by repining and murmuring. Some of the sunniest and most heroic souls have been racked with torture from which there was no relief—bedridden invalids and cripples confined to their wheeled chairs.

Wives who Study in Odd Hours.

How often a young wife and mother bewails the fact that she has missed her opportunities of an education. There need be no such thought for her. She has her life before her, and it lies with her whether it shall be an interested, happy progress, or an aimless giving way to what she deems the inevitable. No child is the worse for its mother picking up the ends of her time and devoting them to study. No husband is less happy that his wife is a cheerful student as well as a housekeeper. There is much truth in the theory that one

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finds time for the things one really loves to do. One woman studied for the medical profession while tending her baby daughter and during the preceding months when she needed some pleasant occupation of mind. One has since her marriage reviewed and advanced in her studies at school, besides taking up French and becoming quite a proficient reader of that language, and, after a very few lessons, is also able to do quite creditable work in oil painting. There are the odd minutes, and even hours, in every woman's life which might better be employed in study, or pleasant reading, than in gossiping or brooding over one's lot and mourning after past joys and lost opportunities.

The trouble is that the ideal hired girl won't stay a hired girl. The womanly ability which makes her such a treasure as a home keeper is very soon sized up by some sensible man, who finds that he can get his house cared for more cheaply to take such a girl for his wife than he can to pay her weekly wages, and so she goes the way of all women and pretty soon wants a hired girl herself.

SMILES.

Young Mother—Baby is somewhat cross to-day. He is teething. Bachelor (in great awe of the mite of humanity)—And when do you expect him to commence—er—hairing?

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AUTOMOBILES HELPLESS.

Horseless Vehicles Unable to Run Through Heavy Snow Drifts.

Automobiles had a bad time of it in Chicago during the recent heavy fall of snow and but few of the drivers would venture out. Once caught in a drift more than a few inches in depth, a vehicle propelled by electricity was helpless. The snow afforded an unsatisfactory surface on which to run the broad wheels. In drifts it was merely a question of getting out before the electric power was exhausted or being ignominiously helped off by a team of horses.

The helplessness of the drivers was a source of much amusement to the crowds that gathered around stranded vehicles. One automobile was driven into a drift on Randolph street, near State street, early in the afternoon. The driver reversed his lever and turned on a current that sent his carriage forward with a jerk that nearly lost him his seat on the box. But it only made matters worse, for then he found that he could not even back out. A number of pedestrians who were waiting for the street cars offered gratuitous advice. "Get a mule," suggested a boy. "Step inside and wait for a thaw," advised a fat man who was enjoying the situation. "Get down and push behind," "Call the repair wagon," and other well-meant remarks that did not seem to contribute to the driver's comfort were made from time to time until horses were attached to the carriage and it was drawn away.

"Between you and me," remarked a cabman who saw the predicament of his competitor, "them things won't do. Horses beats 'em in this kind of weather." Two automobiles were stuck the other afternoon in a drift three or four feet deep on Schiller street, near State street. When it became dark their drivers were still using electric power in a seemingly futile attempt to get out of the snow.

FEARS FOR EUROPE.

Count Boni de Castellane Discusses Growth of Imperialism in United States.

Count Boni De Castellane had an article in the Paris Gaulois the other day, evidently inspired by his recent visit to the United States and entitled "The Two Imperialisms," in which he draws an analogy between British and American imperialism. After pointing out that the Americans are taking sides over the Transvaal, he says: "If imperialism should triumph definitely in the United States the Latin, Germanic and Slav nations will have to defend themselves in the future against a union of all the Anglo-Saxon forces."

In concluding the article Count Castellane says: "I pretend neither to criticize nor to teach. I speak as a Frenchman who foresees a great role for the United States in the future, and who wishes this immense force to act in accord with France and not against her. I speak as a sincere admirer of the country, of its progress and its only democratic institutions, and finally as a man profoundly touched with the hospitality this great and magnificent nation accords to all those who visit it as friends. May the future show us a union of two democracies and not two imperialisms."

A CIGARETTE DUEL.

Ingenious Method of Winning a Dancing Partner That May Not Prove Popular.

A new fad in the German, which may or may not become fashionable, was introduced by R. Wilmarth-Appleton, when he led the cotillon at the second dance of the Brooklyn rough riders in the parlors of the Riding and Driving club there.

Mr. Appleton placed a chair in the center of the dancing floor, and to it, with much polite ceremony, he led Mrs. Frank W. Duryea. Then before Mrs. Duryea, this fortunate leader placed her husband, C. F. Hubbs, and Harry Bennett, and to each man he gave a cigarette. The three struck matches simultaneously. The man who first shed his cigarette was to win Mrs. Duryea for a partner.

Three locomotives on an up-grade dragging a train too heavy, could hardly equal the intensity of those men's puffing. Mr. Hubbs first finished his cigarette and waltzed off with his prize and partner. Mr. Duryea, being slow, had to carry a Japanese umbrella over his wife while she danced with Mr. Hubbs. To Mr. Bennett a fan was given.

BITTEN BY A KISSING BUG. Resident of St. Joseph, Mich., Is Now Suffering from a Sting on the Nose.

Louis Bell, a barber in St. Joseph, Mich., is suffering from the sting of a genuine kissing bug. Bell, while performing his duties, was stung upon the nose by an insect. The affected part immediately broke out, producing constant pain. It is believed that the bug was imported into the city during the warm weather, and, seeking winter quarters, lodged in the barber shop. This is the first appearance of the insect in St. Joseph.

Place for a Modest Young Man. The Chicago Times-Herald says Joyce's son has found Chicago plenty large enough for him to get around without being disagreeably conspicuous.

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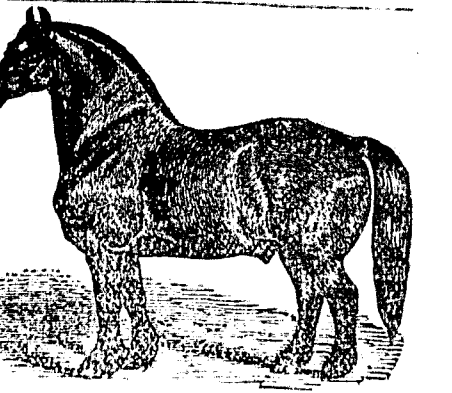
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WEDNESDAY, March 28, 1900.

How was Admiral Dewey's rank reduced when he married? Why, he became Mrs. Dewey's second mate.

Colonel Bryan has passed his 40th birthday. We serve notice that he can no longer be called the Boy Orator of the Platte.

President McKinley is reported as saying that Gov. Taylor of Kentucky, is the most persecuted man in the United States.

Ex-Speaker Reed still goes to Washington once in a while and amuses himself by watching Congress with a sardonic smile.

"Trusts are a growth," say their advocates and defenders. Yes, so they are, but so also are tumors, warts, cancers, and so forth.

The construction of a rapid transit tunnel in Greater New York was begun last Saturday afternoon when Mayor Van Wyck broke ground with a silver spade.

Things are getting at a white heat again in Kentucky. Judge Field has rendered a final decision in the gubernatorial contest, in which he declared that Gov. Taylor usurped the office.

The Schley house funders have not yet gone so far as to ask Rear Admiral Sampson to contribute, but they have asked pretty nearly every one else, including Rear Admiral Crowninshield, who is Schley's bitterest foe.

The country should be a little shy in accepting the various "concession" that came from Kentucky. With \$100,000 and a free pardon waiting the man who will convict one of the assassins of Mr. Goebel, it is at least possible that there may be several fakes sprung on the community.

The Review of Reviews for April will contain what seems to us a sensible discussion of the Puerto Rican question. The editor believes that "The simple and obvious way to provide for the government of the island is to treat it in a way quite analogous to the treatment we are according to the territory of Hawaii."

Mrs. Emmons Blaine has adopted the eight hour day in her household. The announcement as given in the New York Times reads as follows:

Cooks, maids, butlers, laundresses, coachmen, and grooms have been so classified that they labor but eight hours at a time. The system has necessitated the forces being divided into watches, after the manner on board ship. Those servants whose duties begin at six o'clock in the morning are relieved at two o'clock in the afternoon by a force that remains on duty until ten o'clock at night. The system was inaugurated about ten days ago, and it is said to have proved highly successful. Society and club women are interested in Mrs. Blaine's experiment, and if it continues to work well, the plan may be generally adopted.

This plan may work with Mrs. Blaine, but how about the thousands of faithful housewives who do not have cooks, maids, butlers, laundresses, coachmen, grooms, etc., to classify? We fear that many of them never will enjoy a practical application of Mrs. Blaine's eight hour arrangement.

PINE TREE CHIPS.

The spring bonnets are budding in the back rooms of millinery stores.

Belfast reports not a sticker used, nor a name scratched at its municipal election.

There is a lot of building on the program for this spring, and it is worthy of note that our summer resorts are planning to grow some more.

The records of the life saving station at Biddeford Pool show that this has been the roughest winter in the number and character of the storms ever experienced since the station was established.

A monster eagle of the Maine variety will be among the new additions to the menageries at Merymount park next summer. The bird was captured one day last week in a box trap in Georgetown, and measures eight feet from tip to tip. Few such birds are now seen in Maine.

The idea of a public building with an annuity attachment is growing. The town of Castine has received a proposition from a Castine boy in Illinois, by which the town may secure a \$10,000 town hall by the payment annually to him of interest on that amount at 5 per cent. until his death, when payments will cease, and the hall become the absolute property of the town.

Lieut. Lang, a Maine boy in the Philippines, thus writes home: "Since 1900 came in, everything has quieted down and such insurgents as were left have broken up into robber bands, called 'Ladrones,' who prey upon their own people more than they do upon the Americans. Civil government is being established by the peaceful natives everywhere under the protection of our troops and the country is becoming more prosperous than it ever was under Spanish rule. I fail to see how the Philippines can be considered other than a most valuable acquisition to the United States, both commercially and otherwise. The weather is most beautiful now, every day being clear and bright with thermometer standing between 60 and 70 degrees and rather cool nights. This continues eight months out of the year with the other four rainy. The unhealthiness of the climate is greatly exaggerated, although of course it is tropical, which affects some white people to a more or less extent."

GOOD ROADS NECESSARY.

They Are as Important to the Farmer as the Railroad.

The man with the hoe—the farmer—wants good roads so that he may bring his produce to market and his family and himself to the neighboring town with less expenditure of time, wear and tear and trouble. In sections of the country where the farmer has good roads he would not lose them for more than their cost and go back to the old system of having to haul through the mud and over the stones. He finds that the value of his property is increased, and he can haul two-ways, three-times greater load in less time to market and that he is richer and better because of the good road which connects his property with the neighboring town. In Europe the highway was built before the railway. It was their only means of communication until within the last 60 years. Afterward the railway came, and their system of highways was found so useful that they have been kept up and, indeed, improved.

In this country, particularly in the west, the railway was usually built first, and the highway in the beginning was a cow trail or mule trail. It afterward became a wagon trail, and no care was taken to keep the grade down or the surface smooth. We have in this country of ours nearly 200,000 miles of railway and a very few miles of good road outside of our cities and parks.

It has been claimed that we do not need better highways because of our excellent system of railways. This is absurd. Every pound of freight which is carried by the railways, except such as is loaded at factories, quarries, mines, etc., at side tracks, must first be carried over our highways; every passenger who travels on the railway must, to reach the railway, first pass over some portion of the highways. It can safely be said that the highways of this country carry more passengers and more freight than the railways, but of course for a shorter distance.

General Roy Stone, when he was engineer in chief of the department of agriculture, said that the annual cost of hauling in this country over the highways was \$946,414,605. General Stone estimated that nearly two-thirds of this vast expenditure is chargeable to the bad condition of the roads.



Dr. D. B. Sawyer, formerly of South Paris but lately of Brookline, Mass., died at his home last Thursday. He had been a great sufferer for many years from asthma which terminated in acute bronchitis brought on by an attack of the grip.

For the week ending Wednesday, the shoe shipments from the Auburn and Lewiston shoe factories were 6,840 cases, and the leather receipts 128,610 pounds.

After being dead two days, Miss Mary Lovering, aged 72, was found at her home in Manchester, where she lived the life of a hermit. A few days ago, a note asking that dressmaking be done was put under her door. As the note was undisturbed an investigation was made. She is known to be a woman of some property.

Mr. Albert S. Gower of Winthrop, who has a position as engineer on the United States transport Meade, has returned from a successful trip to Manila and is now at San Francisco, Cal. In a recent letter to a friend he writes: "I have seen many strange sights, and strange people, but the strangest sight of all was to see 2600 tons of coal put on the ship by women at Nagasaki, Japan. They coal all the ships that come in, and do most of the heavy work throughout the country. I saw them paving the streets, mixing mortar, plastering houses and so on, and men standing around directing the job."

The best age for a young man to enter college has been a mooted question for many years, but it may be that the adjective "young" must now be dropped from the inquiry, for among the students in this year's short course in horticulture at the University of Maine, was one man 70 years old, who was as interested and anxious to acquire information as any of his younger colleagues.

Elegant line of Suits for Men, Youths, and Boys at F. H. Noyes' Blue Store, Norway.

Improving the Roads.
Between the wheelmen and the farmers it ought to be possible to make the question of national highway improvements a very live issue. Plenty of subjects which are petty and absurd by contrast have won much attention in congress. It is time that the improvement of public highways had its share of the interest centered upon queer canal schemes and the improvement of dubious little rivers which can never have any commerce worthy of the name.—Cleveland Leader.

TRUST THRUSTS.

If it be true that the ax manufacturers have organized a trust, the consumers may now be prepared to receive it in the neck.—San Francisco Chronicle.

The flour trust mixed its paste too thin, and as a result it refused to stick. Water is a good thing, but a flood of it, even in trust stock, is bound to produce disaster. Omaha Bee.

"Smash the trusts" is a fetching and very simple formula for dealing with the trusts, but unfortunately it does not mean anything, as any one will discover who will try to draft a law intended to have that effect.—San Francisco Chronicle.

ARTS OF WAR.

A battery of artillery consists of six guns.

A bomb weighing about 70 pounds exploded into a shower of 1,200 pieces.

Cavalry cover four miles an hour when walking, nine miles an hour when trotting, 15 miles an hour galloping.

According to the Kaiser's new naval programme, Germany will have 40 battleships in 1910 instead of the 17 she has now, 20 large cruisers instead of 11, 48 small cruisers and gunboats in place of 32 and 114 torpedo boats instead of 84, as at present.

We have saved many doctor bills since we began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in our home. We keep a bottle open all the time and whenever any of my family or myself begin to catch cold we begin to use the Cough Remedy, and as a result we never have to send away for a doctor and incur a large doctor bill, for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy never fails to cure. It is certainly a medicine of great merit and worth.—D. S. MEARLE, General Merchant and Farmer, Mattie, Bedford county, Pa.

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Metal beds have won their way into the favor of the public. They are so easy to keep clean; they are so ornamental and are so easily adapted to the furniture one may own.

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LEWISTON, - MAINE.

CURTAIN RAISERS:

Marie Tempest denies the report that she intends to sing in the music halls in London.

Charles Frohman is having a play, based on Peg Woffington, written for Maud Adams.

This thing grows. Fay Templeton mimics Fougere, and Fougere mimics Fay Templeton's mimicry of her.

Wilson Barrett's "Sign of the Cross" has been translated into Polish and has made quite a success in Warsaw.

Mrs. Campbell is to revive some of the Maeterlinck plays in London and produce others never seen there before.

Robert Lorraine, Julie Opp's former husband, who was to have acted with Ada Rohan in England, has gone to South Africa.

Marie Wainwright has engaged Payton Gibbs to play Napoleon to her Josephine in her vaudeville sketch, "Napoleon Versus Josephine."

Wilson Barrett has added Robert Hichens in his dramatization of his novel, "The Londoners" and will act in the play in all probability.

Henrik Ibsen's "When the Dead Awake" has been acted in three German cities with success, although without giving the impression that it was likely to enjoy lasting popularity on the stage.

It seems that the new theater in St. Martin's lane, London, will not be owned by Charles Frohman after all, though that energetic American impresario will hold the lease of it and will establish there his London comedy troupe, headed by Seymour Hicks and Ellaline Terriss.

TAKING THE REINS.

During the past winter 19 horses without records have sold for \$43,375, or an average of \$2,282 each.

Peter Trux, Major Douglas and Frank Blaisdell are going to equip a racing plant on Half Moon Island, Eau Claire, Wis.

Mr. William C. Whitney's unnamed 2,000 guinea colt, by Miguel-Aurora, has been entered for the West Derby stakes (England) as a 3-year-old.

At the late Bonner sale five of the get of Ansel, 2:20, none of which had a record, sold for an average of \$738, while the sire brought only \$150.

The Morristown (N. J.) track, which Barney Demarest has leased, is the track where Ethan Allen and running mate defeated Dexter more than 30 years ago.

Horses at matinee races are not handicapped according to their records, and this season the club handicappers will take into consideration the weight of their owners.

Genius receives tribute in divers ways. Recently Mme. Rejane, the famous French actress, was presented with a handsome pair of driving mules by the king of Portugal.

There is a Baron Wilkes mare in "Doug" Thomas' stable that has been priced at \$5,500. On a three-quarter mile track she stepped a half in 1:04 and a quarter in 31 seconds.

MILLIONS FOR ROADS.

Good Roads Movement Has Become National in Scope.

The announcement that a bill had been presented to congress on behalf of the League of American Wheelmen asking for an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for good roads marked the beginning of the good roads agitation as a national movement. Heretofore confined to the states, it is now in a fair way to become of national importance and maybe, as predicted by many of the good roads enthusiasts, to become a national political issue.

Already there are some who say that such an appropriation is not feasible and that there are small chances of the bill becoming a law. It may be news to this class to know that all the machinery of the league has been at work on this bill for the past six months, and every feature of it has been most carefully considered. It is now thought an appropriate time to introduce it, and from now on every effort will be made to secure its passage. The methods to be employed in its behalf have been part of the investigations of the national officers of the league, and the campaign outlined will be carefully and enthusiastically carried out.

As for the merits of the bill, there can be no question. It is a recognized fact now that good highways are an economical necessity, in which this country is centuries behind Europe. That such a bill will receive an extended support cannot be doubted, as it is framed in the interests of wheelmen, farmers, automobilists and the commercial community generally.

NEW STORE!

I have moved from the C. W. Bowker store to the

NEW MAXIM BLOCK.

I now have two of the best and most up-to-date stores in Oxford County—one a Clothing, the other a Dry Goods, connected by an archway.

I cordially invite all my old patrons and the public in general to give me a call whether you purchase or not.

I have greatly enlarged my Clothing Department, with the latest styles the market affords.

The stock of Dress Goods has not been neglected. You will readily see if you will give us a call.

This week I call your attention to a fine line of

HAMEBURGS.

Come in and see me now for I am ready for business, and I am convinced I can please you.

Thanking you for past favors, I am

Yours respectfully,

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Baby Carriages and Go-Carts.

This season's go-cart is a departure from those heretofore shown. It combines the grace and daintiness of the go-cart and the comfort of a baby carriage. The movable back and the foot rest work automatically together, so that any desired position may be instantly secured, from sitting bolt upright to lying flat. The adjustable lace parasol is another feature that will be appreciated.

Some of these are beautifully upholstered, some are plain reed work. Each has rubber tires, patent safety brake, and graceful handles at a convenient height. The prices are much lower than you imagine.

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ASSETS DEC. 31, 1899.

Stocks and Bonds \$1,070,926 25
Cash in office and bank 154,011 09
Bills Receivable 51 70
Interest and Rents 5,889 05
Uncollected Premiums 163,552 00
All other assets 12,764 55

Gross Assets \$2,307,637 77

Admitted Assets \$2,307,637 77

LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1899.

Net unpa'd losses \$ 161,067 45
Unearned Premiums 700,821 36
All other liabilities 22,619 76

Total \$1,425,809 51

Surplus over all liabilities 1,881,828 26

Total liabilities and surplus 2,307,637 77

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This charming story, will appear in

THE NEWS

NEXT WEEK,

GROVER HILL.

A. J. Peaslee has finished teaming.

Miss Geneva Hutchins is in Rumford.

Pleasant weather and the crows are gay.

Bion Browne is in town, from Norway.

Walter Browne, Jr. is at home this week.

Miss Ina Hutchins is visiting her parents at present.

The young people are enjoying the morning cruises.

E. C. Jackson, Jr. has returned to his home at Norway.

A social gathering at Miss Winifred Browne's, Saturday evening.

Minerva Mae Bartlett, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Fritz Tyler, a few days last week.

Walter M. Browne, Epworth, Iowa, has written for his daughter Winifred, and his son True, to come west and accompany him home.

EAST BETHEL.

Spring has come.

Mr. H. E. Bartlett is working at Andover.

Z. W. Bartlett visited Auburn last Saturday.

Mrs. G. W. Tracy visited Norway last week.

Mr. W. S. Wight is visiting at C. M. Kimball's.

Mr. Sawyer from Auburn visited this place the 26.

Miss Helen Bartlett is visiting friends at Rumford.

J. M. Bartlett from Berlin, N.H., visited this place Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mattie Gibson is spending the week with her friend Miss Lillian Kimball.

Willis' mill in this place was destroyed by fire last Wednesday night, cause unknown. Mr. Willis will rebuild and put in new machinery as soon as possible. All business is now suspended and the workmen are having a vacation.

HANOVER.

C. P. Bartlett has gone to Roxbury.

Mr. Eli Stearns of Bethel, was in town buying beef, recently.

Some are preparing their wood for another year, and others are getting ready for work in the sugar orchards.

Spring seems to be here. The birds of different varieties sing, and even come for the crumbs which we put on the piazza for them.

MIDDLE INTERVALE.

Amos Hodgkins and family have moved into C. C. Bean's house.

Mr. C. C. Bean has been visiting his daughter Mrs. H. A. Packard, for a few days.

Mrs. Lydia Herrick, who has been keeping house for Joseph Holt for the past two months, has returned to her home at O. A. Buck's.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Holt and their daughter Mrs. Clark, have returned to their home in Bethel, after spending two months with friends in Massachusetts and Falls Church, Va.

Ned Carter finished his logging job Saturday, and went to Berlin, N. H., Monday.

George Mason has finished work for S. N. Kimball and Perry Page is there at present.

J. A. Libby passed away early Sunday morning. He has been in our midst over thirty years, and in losing him we lose a kind and helpful neighbor.

We had a flying visit last Friday from Masters Roy and Ralph Bean. The connection and many friends of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Bean were sorry not to have a visit from them, but glad that they have such a good chance in Framingham, Mass. We wish them success in their new home.

SOUTH ANDOVER.

Town meeting last Saturday.

Hervey Hall is hauling pine for Lou Holt.

Miss Emma Stevens went to Norway last week.

Bert Hanson is at work for Z. A. French, at Bemis.

Miss Marjorie Burgess is in Boston, for a few weeks.

Thurston is hauling hay and grain from the Lovejoy barn.

Cabot Lodge, K. of P. worked the first rank last Friday night.

Bragg & Abbott are hauling birch to R. A. Grover's mill at Andover.

I understand the Farrington Bros. are going to begin sawing birch this week.

The whooping cough is raging among the young people, and H. M. Hodgman thinks he has it.

Harry Marston is at James Hall's, having finished work for Bean & Whitcomb up on the Cup-suptic river.

You can buy a winter suit, Overcoat, Reeler, Ulster or any heavy clothing at F. H. Noyes' Blue Store, Norway, for one-third less than you can next fall. Good time to save money.

NORTH NEWRY.

Mrs. Sophia Littlehale returned from Bethel last week.

Miss Sena Littlehale is spending a few days in Upton.

Herbert Chapman and family have moved back on their farm.

Mr. Hollis E. Coolidge of Upton was in town the last of the week, visiting friends.

Leon Widder went to Waterford last Saturday to get his mother, Mrs. Fannie Widder.

All those who attended the dance at Eames Hall last Friday night March 23, reported a good time.

The sleighing is very good just now, for the time of year.

A number have commenced tapping trees, preparing to make maple sugar.

Miss Effie J. Thurston and Miss Carrie Wight were home from Bethel over Sunday.

It is very hard to stand idly by and see our dear ones suffer while waiting the arrival of a doctor. An Albany (N. Y.) dairyman called at a drug store there for a doctor to come and see his child, then very sick with croup. Not finding the doctor in, he left word for him to come at once on his return. He also bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which he hoped would give some relief until the doctor should arrive. In a few hours he returned, saying the doctor need not come, as the child was much better. The druggist, Mr. Otto Scholz, says the family has since recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to their neighbors and friends until he has a constant demand for it from that part of the country.

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WILSON'S MILLS.

Died, at Wilson's Mills, March 19, after an illness of two weeks, Lois Cornelia, wife of James W. Clark, aged 64 years and 2 months.

Mrs. Clark was the daughter of Jonathan Stiles of Harrison, Me., and lived there and at Yarmouth, during her girlhood. In 1868, she married Washington Brooks of Grafton, by whom she had five children, one of whom died at an early age. She lived happily with her husband, until his death, which occurred in 1879. She married James W. Clark of this place, in 1880. Mr. Clark has been a kind husband and a father to her children. Mrs. Clark leaves a husband, who feels her loss deeply, also a brother, Wm. H. Stiles of So Paris, a sister, Martha Merrill of Yarmouth, and four children, Mrs. Royal S. Bean, Edgar H. Brooks, Guy W. Brooks of this place, and Mrs. Henry H. Holmes of Middlesex, Vt. Her loss is also deeply felt by Mr. Clark's grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bucknam, to whom she has always been as a mother. Mrs. Clark joined the M. E. church in early girlhood, and has always lived a consistent Christian life. She was a member of the King's Daughters Circle, of whom she often spoke during her sickness, and by whom she was tenderly cared for. Her relatives, friends, and neighbors did all in their power to alleviate her sufferings. She will be greatly missed in the home, the Sunday school and the Circle. "Her children arise up and call her blessed; her husband also and he praiseth her." Funeral services were held at the school house, March 21, conducted by Rev. A. T. Craig of Berlin, N.H. Beautiful calla lilies and white carnations were sent by E. S. Bennett, Mrs. A. A. Flint, and Addie Flint; and flowers tied with the King's Daughters' colors, were sent by Mrs. John Oleson. Beautiful music was rendered by Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wilson, M. C. Linnell, Mrs. F. A. York, Mrs. A. A. Flint and Miss Addie Flint.

Mother's gone—her gentle presence Never more will bless us here; Making earth seem more like heaven With her loving words of cheer.

Gone from earth to meet her Savior, Whom she loved and served so well. But we miss our precious mother More than tongue can ever tell.

We shall miss her gentle guidance, Kind reproof and counsels wise— And the patient, tender kindness Ever shining in her eyes.

She has pointed us the pathway To that glorious, shining shore; We will follow in her footsteps— She has only gone before.

TINA M. BEAN.

Clothe yourselves at F. H. Noyes' Blue Store, Norway.

TELLS OF RICE CULTURE.

Dr. S. A. Knapp Says Enough Can Be Produced in This Country to Supply Demand of the People.

Enough rice can be raised in this country to supply the demands of the people and shut out the immense importations of that commodity. Last year 100,000,000 pounds of rice were produced in this country, and 125,000,000 pounds were imported. Dr. S. A. Knapp, of the agricultural department, has written a pamphlet in which he deals with the possibilities of this country as a rice producer. He says the outlook for the future extension of the industry is promising.

According to the best estimates, there are about 10,000,000 acres of land in the five states bordering on the Gulf of Mexico well suited to rice culture. The amount which can be successfully irrigated by present methods, using the available surface and artesian flows, does not exceed 3,000,000 acres. The best results require rotation of crops, consequently only one-half that amount, or 1,500,000 acres, would be in rice at any time.

The remainder of the 10,000,000 acres could also be brought into cultivation, were it necessary, but the cost would perhaps be prohibitive. At an average yield of ten barrels per acre 1,500,000 acres would produce nearly 2,500,000 pounds of clean rice, nearly six times the amount of the present consumption.

There is no satisfactory reason why the United States should not grow all its own rice and become an exporter. The employment of machinery in the rice fields of the southwest similar to that used in the wheat fields of California and the Dakotas is revolutionizing the methods of cultivation and greatly reducing the cost. The American grower, employing higher priced labor than any other rice grower in the world, ultimately will be able to market his crop at the least cost and the greatest profit.

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UPHOLDS SHEATHING

Admiral Dewey Strongly Opposes Change in Warships.

Says Sheathed Vessels Have Great Advantage Over Those Not Thus Protected—Experience in Asiatic Squadron.

Admiral Dewey drove a spike into the guns of the opponents of sheathing in the navy and took occasion to comment upon the intelligence of the experts who are responsible for sending back to congress the law, which authorized six large ships originally intended to be sheathed. There was a hearing at the house naval committee and Secretary Long and Admiral Dewey appeared to give their views in regard to the new ships.

The only official advocate of sheathing was Rear Admiral Hichborn, chief constructor, who submitted a long reply to his critics on the board, with tables which show that his position is sustained by foreign practice and results. Secretary Long promised to send his rejoinder to the committee in a day or two.

The committee asked Admiral Dewey for his views on sheathing and he gave them in emphatic terms in favor of the system. He was able to furnish specific instances of the advantages of sheathing from among the ships on the Asiatic station. He said that aside from the possibilities of galvanic action—which is denied in Hichborn's report—there was much to commend the idea. The revenue cutter McCulloch at Manila was the only sheathed ship, and it was kept uninterruptedly in service between Manila and Hong-Kong. He noticed that ships never docked had vastly greater speed over ships which were not sheathed and had not been docked every few months.

This meant a great deal, he added when vessels were on a foreign station in time of war. He volunteered the information that he was surprised that "experts" could be found to oppose sheathing. Admiral Dewey's views made a profound impression on the committee and may settle the mooted question of sheathed or unsheathed ships for all time. Several members of the committee said that they were in favor of allowing the provision for sheathing to stand and of requiring the ships authorized this year to be sheathed. Rear Admiral Hichborn's final report, which disposes of the alleged chemical results of sheathing and which quotes liberally from British expert opinion, will add to the Dewey testimony.

STARTS FAST IN BAKERY.

Woman Attempts to Duplicate Rathbun's Experience Under Trying Circumstances.

Mrs. Herman Kolb, of Nyack, N. J., who is too stout for her own satisfaction, tipping the scales at 238, has started out to reduce herself to a suitable weight by fasting. The idea came to her from reading of Milton Rathbun's long fast. She had already fasted seven days, and is so pleased with her loss of weight that she is determined to continue for the full 40 days.

She wants to bring herself down to 200 pounds, and her neighbors say she has the will to do it. She took her last meal on February 22. Since then she has taken no food. Her only refreshment is large quantities of spring water. She lost 4½ pounds the first six days.

Her appetite is good at all times, she says, and it has been sorely aggravated by the fact that she spends her days behind the counter of her husband's bakery surrounded by every variety of tempting cakes and pies.

BERATED BY A CORPSE.

Supposed Mangled Form of Messenger Boy Under Electric Car Gives Motorman Tongue Lashing.

A letter messenger boy, faithfully pushing his way through the crowd of vehicles at Eighth avenue and Twenty-third street, New York city, at dusk the other night was run down and overborne by a trolley car of the cross-town line. The throng of spectators shrieked as they saw him swept beneath the fender, the motorman finally checked his car and got down to find the boy's mangled form.

"Say," remarked the "mangled form," as it crawled out from under the car, brushing its clothes and searching to make sure the telegram was still safe, "you never touched me, anyhow. Wot'er mean be runnin' over a kid dat way, huh? Tink youse own de hull street? I got mind to have de bot' of youse pinched, see!"

Steel Against Diamonds.

Cecil Rhodes brags that the Kimberley mines made \$10,000,000 last year. The Chicago Record remarks that Carnegie probably wonders whether Rhodes actually considers that a good thing.

His Claim to Greatness.
There is, however, no reason to believe, says the Chicago Times-Herald, that Mr. Carrie Chapman Catt might not have made his name a household word in some other way if he had been driven to it.

Ovid on Wigs.
Wigs were in vogue in Rome toward the end of the republic, and so well made that Ovid says: "Nobody could tell whether anyone else's hair was real or not."

Play with No Scenery.
The Elizabeth Stage society of London has just performed "Richard II." without scenery, in the lecture room of the University of London.

A STARTLING REMEDY

Dr. McKim Would Kill Off Imbeciles and Criminals.

The Doctor Believes It Is the Duty of Society to Thus Rid Itself of Serious Burdens.

Dr. W. Duncan McKim would better the condition of society in this country by slaughtering a half million people. Dr. McKim believes it is not only the right but the duty of society to put to death its criminal and dependent classes, embracing the confirmed criminal, the epileptic and hysterical criminal, the incurable insane criminal, idiots and imbeciles, and moral imbeciles.

Dr. McKim's startling remedy is set forth in his book: "Hereditary and Human Progress." He says: "For the rejuvenation of the race we need to multiply those individuals whose dominant craving is the altruistic sense, and to eliminate those whose lives are ruled by the baser selfishness. It is among the many defectives thrown upon the state for maintenance and the many vicious held in restraint by the state on account of their crimes that, a system of elimination seems practicable; and through it there would be given ever increasing opportunity for the expansion of such lives as tend to advance the standard of the race."

"The essential feature of the plan is the gentle removal from this life of such idiotic, imbecile, and otherwise grossly defective persons as are now dependent for maintenance upon the state, and of such criminals as commit the most heinous crimes or show by the frequent repetition of crimes less grave, and by their bodily and mental characters, and by their ancestry, that they are hopelessly incorrigible. Each individual of these classes would undergo thorough examination, and only by due process of law would his life be taken from him."

"The painless extinction of these lives would present no practical difficulty; in carbonic acid gas we have an agent which would instantaneously fulfill the need."

BONES OF MASTODON FOUND.

A Farmer in Indiana Who Has a Peculiar Frame for His Clock.

Some excellently preserved mastodon bones have been discovered in the vicinity of Hagerstown, Ind. Several years ago workmen digging a ditch found the remains of a mastodon, but the nature of the animal was not known to them. The only reason they were interested was because of the great size of the bones. All that were found were divided among the party of workmen, who took them to their homes and have since permitted nearly all of them to become lost or destroyed. Henry Gwinn, a farmer near Hagerstown, made a circular opening in a vertebrae and placed therein a clock with a free eight inches across. The clock needed repairing and he brought it into town, where the unique frame attracted much attention.

The vertebrae is one of the largest specimens ever discovered. It is 18 inches from the spinous process to the over edge of the centrum and 16 inches between the transverse processes. Mr. Gwinn also has a rib from the same animal more than four feet long. Parts of two other mastodon skeletons have been found within a few miles of Hagerstown. From the two the splendid skeleton in Earlham college was constructed, said to be one of the finest in the world.

INDIANS IN MEDICINE DANCE.

Yakima Tribe on Reservation Near Toppenish, Wash., Engage in Ancient Rites.

Yakima Indians on the reservation near Toppenish, Wash., gave a medicine dance. Half of the tribe, including Chief White Swan, is civilized. Old customs and dances have long been abolished.

Two hundred Indians gathered unknown to the chief and performed the rites. The dance lasted seven days. Seven candidates for the place of medicine man underwent severe tests of endurance.

Every day the candidates would torture themselves. Fire brands were applied to the bare skin until the flesh dropped from the bones. Gashes were cut on the back and breast. The one who withstood these self-inflicted tortures longest won the position. The new medicine man, Running Coyote, is almost dead from exertion and torture, and is being tenderly nursed, while the unsuccessful dancers are permitted to recover or die without attention.

His Opportunity.
An Iowa man who rescued a widow from death was married to her three days after his heroic act. When they are their first quarrel says the Chicago Times Herald, there will be no opportunity for him to say things that will cut her to the quick.

May Get Back at Them.
The audiences at the Royal theater in Berlin have condemned the comic opera, "The Iron Tooth," one of Emperor William's favorites. The Chicago Tribune thinks he may possibly come down on them some time with The Mailed Hand.

New York Methods.
A schoolmistress in one of the New York public schools has had her salary cut nine cents for having been ten minutes late to school the other day. The Boston Herald asks: How's that for a pieavene?

Maud S., the famous trotter owned by the Bonner estate, died at Port Chester, N. Y., Mar. 17. The former champion trotter of the world was taken to Schults' farm at Port Chester, from New York, the week previous and it was intended to use her for breeding purposes. She was sick and was placed under the care of a veterinary surgeon, but all efforts to save her life were fruitless. She was 26 years old, and made a trotting record of 2:08½ in 1885. She was formerly owned by Wm. H. Vanderbilt, who paid \$20,000 for her. Mr. Vanderbilt afterward sold her to Robert Bonner for \$40,000.

A. R. De Flout, editor of the Journal, Doylestown, Ohio, suffered for a number of years from rheumatism in his right shoulder and side. He says: "My right arm at times was entirely useless. I tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and was surprised to receive relief almost immediately. The Pain Balm has been a constant companion of mine ever since and it never fails."

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March 16, A. D. 1900.

Taken this 16th day of March A. D. 1900 on execution dated February 28th, 1900, issued on a judgment rendered by the Supreme Judicial Court for the County of Oxford, at the term thereof begun and held on the second Tuesday of February, 1900, to wit, on the 19th day of February, 1900, in favor of Julia A. Stearns of Riley Plantation in said county, against Berta A. Austin of Rumford in said county, for one hundred and sixty-six dollars and twenty-five cents, debt or damage, and eighteen dollars and five cents, costs of suit, and will be sold at public auction at the office of Herrick & Park Attorneys, in Bethel in said county, to the highest bidder, on Saturday the 12th day of May A. D. 1900 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, the following described real estate and all the right, title and interest, which the said Berta A. Austin has and had in and to the same on the 28th day of September A. D. 1898, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, the time when the same was attached on the writ in the same suit, to wit: a certain tract or parcel of land, and being a part of lot No. 78 in the third division of lots in said Rumford known as the Chamberlain Hill, on the south-east side of the Androscoggin River, being all the land of Berta A. Austin south-east of the following line, commencing at the north-east corner of the late Peter Thompson homestead farm, thence following the lot line north-easterly until it reaches the homestead farm of Peter A. and Amos Austin except a piece of land that was reserved in a deed dated Dec. 8, 1865, said parcel reserved being described as follows: beginning at a pile of stones on the height of the ledge near the centre of lot No. 19 now or formerly owned by Peter A. Thompson, thence south about twenty-three degrees east, about forty rods to a large stone, thence south about 11 degrees east, about twenty-seven rods to steep high ledge, thence southeasterly on said steep high ledge as far as the same will answer for a sheep pasture fence, from thence the nearest course to one hundred acre lot No. 21 in said second division of lots, said reserved portion containing about nine acres more or less. The premises which I shall sell being the same that were deeded by Samuel V. Abbott to said Berta A. Austin by deed dated Nov. 28, 1887, recorded in Oxford Registry, book 211, page 348.

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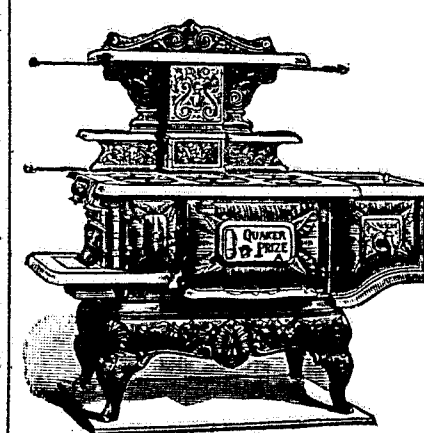
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Bryant Pond,	8.35	4.13
Locke's Mills,	8.45	4.27
BETHEL,	9.00	4.38
West Bethel,	9.10	4.48
Gilead,	9.24	4.59
Gorham,	10.00	5.42
Island Pond,	12.20	8.00

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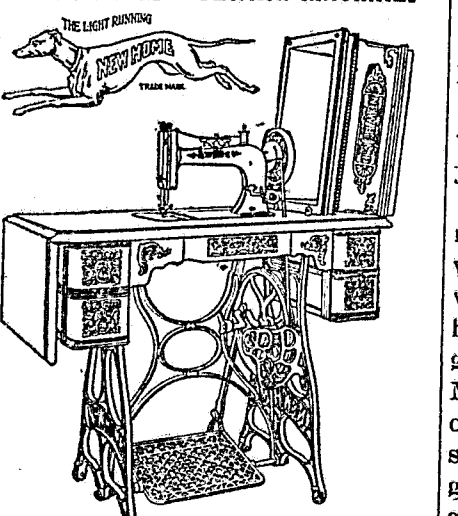
Assets Dec. 31st, 1899.

Real Estate	\$ 31,985.70
Mortgage Loans	219,600.00
Collateral Loans	25,000.00
Stocks and Bonds	1,767,376.50
Cash in office and bank	88,632.33
Interest and Divs.	18,145.63
Uncollected Premiums	110,641.23
All other assets	28,959.17
Gross Assets	\$ 2,285,347.06
Deduct items not admitted	2,048.12
Admitted Assets	\$ 2,283,298.94

Liabilities Dec. 31st, 1899.

Net unpaid losses	103,840.33
Unearned premiums	331,127.39
All other liabilities	24,526.19
Total	\$ 459,493.91
Cash Capital	\$60,000.00
Surplus over all liabilities	1,922,506.42
Total Liabilities and surplus	\$ 2,283,298.94

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And both teach the baby-birds
How to be good.
The wind rocks the cradle,
The leaves warm the bed,
And the little ones never
Have wanted for bread.
For God, who is over all
And cares for us all,
Keeps guard o'er the birdies
That that they shall not fall.

MERCY P. HOLBROOK,
7 years old.

Written for the News.

Marion's Picnic.

Not having a little sister nor brother, Marion Dimple was often thrown on her own resources for amusement, and consequently she would often arrange a play-party in which her dolls figured as the guests.

Marion had three dolls whose names were Goldilocks, Miss Prim, and Snowball. Goldilocks was a little beauty with long golden curls of which she was rather vain; beautiful blue eyes, and a company-smile which poor Snowball often tried to imitate. Miss Prim was a demure little maid, very strict in regard to propriety, and never committed an act of indecorum. If she were uncertain about anything, she would consult a book of etiquette which was always at hand. Snowball was a colored lady of huge dimensions, a sort of lady's-maid, subject to the whims and ill-humor of Miss Goldilocks, who, though physically beautiful, did not possess an angelic disposition. As for Miss Prim, decorum was her hobby, consequently Snowball's manners were often subject to her criticism; but Marion was a dear little peacemaker and managed her family of dolls very nicely.

One beautiful day in July, Marion asked her mama if she might have a picnic in the garden. Now, her mama was always willing to indulge her little girl when it was possible to do so, so she gave her consent, and soon Marion was beneath a large apple-tree, arranging for an enjoyable entertainment. Of course she had her little dishes and a table, and lots of nice things which her mama had supplied so that she might entertain her guests in a royal manner. Goldilocks, Miss Prim, and Snowball were there, for a picnic without them, would have been anything but enjoyable to Marion.

While Marion was making arrangements for her picnic, Goodwill, a fairy, and his winged steed, were resting in the foliage overhead. After watching the little girl for some time, he determined Marion's picnic should prove a sort of surprise party to her, and that she should have some uninvited guests, so mounting Mottled-Wings a beautiful butterfly—he started for Fairyland. When he arrived there he sought Queen Mab and told her of Marion's picnic and asked permission to take ten thousand of her subjects to visit Marion and take part in her entertainment. Mab gave her consent, and soon there were ten thousand beautiful butterflies saddled and bridled, and then they were ready to start on their visit. Goodwill gave the signal and the fairies mounted their steeds, and under Goodwill's guidance, they were soon hovering over the apple-tree in Marion's garden.

Marion was astonished to see such a swarm of butterflies, and when Goodwill's winged steed, alighted on the table, and she saw on its back a little fellow who said, "How do you do, Miss Marion," she was delighted, for she knew he was a fairy, and who would not be pleased to receive a visit from one of those little people?

Goodwill told her who he was, and that he had nine thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine of his companions with him, who had come to visit her and take part in her picnic. Marion was delighted with this news and invited them to alight and prepare for dinner as it soon would be served. Goodwill gave a signal and soon they all gathered around Marion who gave them a royal welcome.

Now, while Marion had been welcoming the fairies, Goldilocks and Miss Prim and Snowball had remained silent with astonishment, for probably they never had heard of those little folks. Marion

was so busy entertaining the fairies that her dolls became discontented and Goldilocks, whose vanity was piqued, said: "It is strange how some people neglect their old friends for new friends!"

"But dey is bootiful," said Snowball, "an' Miss Marion loves bootiful things; dats why she likes dis chile so well."

Goldilocks gave her a scornful look and said, "Miss Marion tolerates you because you are useful, but as for loving a one-eyed, one-legged colored—"

Here Marion interposed and they were silent for a few moments. Suddenly Goldilocks said, "There are others just as beautiful."

"Handsome is as handsome does," said Miss Prim.

"O, I's so hungry," said Snowball.

Just then the fairies discovered the trio and gathered around them. They did not wait for an introduction, but began to make themselves agreeable. Soon the frown disappeared from Goldilocks's face, and she was as smiling and serene as a summer sky after a storm.

Now, though fairies admire beauty, they are aware that quite often an ugly exterior is but the covering of a beautiful temperament, while external beauty is the reverse, so the three dolls were treated as though socially equal.

Under the treatment of the fairies, Miss Prim relaxed her stiff manner and soon was laughing merrily over their jokes.

When dinner was announced the fairies gathered around the edge of the table, but not until they had seated the dolls where they could be well cared for. To entertain ten thousand people, however small they may be, is quite an undertaking, but Marion succeeded in doing so in a very satisfactory manner. The dolls were cared for by the fairies, and everything passed off very pleasantly, though during the meal, Snowball committed an act that came near being fatal to one of the fairies.

Snowball, who was very hungry, took a large piece of cake, and just as she was about to put it into her capacious mouth, she discovered the fairy, Funnyboy, imprisoned between the cake and her fingers, and in another moment Funnyboy would have been no more. Miss Prim apologized very prettily for Snowball, who was so overcome with fear and astonishment that she could not speak for some time.

After dinner was over, Goodwill said, "Miss Marion, there is one hero who is able to transform the most ugly person into the most beautiful, and if you are willing, I will let him practice his art on Snowball."

Marion gave her consent, for she wished to see Snowball's astonishment at the change. Goodwill then told the magician what he wanted him to do.

The magician approached Snowball and walked three times around her, repeating some strange words, and lo! instead of the one-eyed, one-legged Snowball, Marion beheld a most beautiful lady. Of course Goldilocks and Miss Prim were astonished, as who would not have been? Just imagine, if you can, a big, fat colored lady being transformed into a pink-cheeked beauty, with charms that out-rivalled Goldilocks', and then say if you can truthfully, that you would not have been astonished, also.

Snowball was so astonished that she could not speak for some time, and when she did give utterance to her feelings, it was found that she had discarded her dialect, which had always been a source of annoyance to Miss Prim.

In the meantime, the fairies had constructed a beautiful rustic chair and placed it in the centre of the table, toward which Goodwill led Snowball and in which he seated her. Then the fairies gathered around her and with much ceremony, she was crowned queen of the picnic.

The fairies paid homage to the queen, but Goldilocks and Miss Prim were averse to doing so, for the spirit of envy had taken possession of their hearts and Snowball was still Snowball to them, for all she was now so beautiful. The magician, seeing this, took his wand and made three mysterious signs before them, and the spirit of envy was driven from their hearts and they approached the throne and congratulated Snowball and wished her a long and happy life.

The remainder of the day passed pleasantly to Queen Snowball and her subjects. But Goodwill and

his band could not stay with them always, so as the sun was sinking in the west, they gathered around and bid their mortal friends adieu. Then Goodwill gave a signal and the butterflies left their perch in the apple-tree and flew to the ground each to his own rider, and soon all were mounted and ready for flight when the signal should be given.

Presently the magician and his butterfly flew three times around the throne of Queen Snowball, and then Goodwill gave the signal and away they flew to Fairyland. Of course Marion and her pets watched them until they disappeared.

Presently Snowball broke the silence by saying, "O, I's so hungry and tired."

The others looked around at the sound of her voice, and instead of the beautiful queen of the picnic, they saw poor Snowball, the one-eyed, one-legged colored lady. Of course they were very much astonished, but before they could comment on Snowball's condition, Marion's mama came into the garden and helped her remove her things to the house, and thus ended Marion's picnic.

NEW YORK HIGHWAYS.

Progress in Improvement Reported by the State Engineer.

Edward A. Bond, state engineer and surveyor of New York, in his annual report to the legislature touched on the improvement of highways. He said:

"The improvement of highways under the provisions of the Highways Act of 1898 constitutes an important part of the duties of the state engineer and is one which attracts much public interest. The state has appropriated \$100,000 in all with which to pay for one-half the cost of such roads as are improved under the provisions of the law. This sum is small in proportion to the amounts appropriated by the states of Massachusetts and New Jersey, but with it contracts have been made for 25 miles of improved highways, of which seven miles on four roads have been finished and accepted during the year. Six and a half miles on one road are about finished, but are not accepted, and 11 miles on six roads are in progress. These roads are located in Erie, Monroe, Oneida, Schoenectady, Otsego, Rensselaer and Columbia counties. Surveys have also been made for 142 miles of roads in 14 counties, which are expected to be improved when provision is made by the legislature."

"The highways which have so far been improved have necessarily been comparatively short pieces, ranging from one-half mile to six miles in length. These serve as examples to the people in the various localities, with the immediate result that many petitions are received from the counties in which roads have been built. There is a general expectation that the legislature will make appropriation which will bear some comparison to those made for road work by the neighboring states."

"Some of the roads have been built of six inches thickness of crushed limestone, forming macadam 12 feet wide. The average cost per mile has been \$7,074, not including two roads made nine inches thick instead of six inches and costing proportionately more per mile. Experience, however, shows that 16 feet is the least width of roadway for a road having much travel, and as the roads first improved are naturally the main highways in the region, this width is the one generally adopted. It is also found to give best economy to use two inches of trap rock, which is most durable to form the surface of the macadam roadway. With these features the average cost throughout the state will be between \$8,000 and \$9,000 per mile, which is 20 per cent below the cost of similar roads in Massachusetts."

"Recommendations were made to the legislature to add to the highway law provision for the maintenance of improved highways by the county officials and to provide for a state quarry of trap rock where convicts from Sing Sing prison can be employed in producing crushed stone for highway improvement."

Oysters must be fresh and fat to be good. They are in season from September to May. The small ones, such as are sold by the quart, are good for pies, fritters or stews. The largest of this sort are also for frying or pickling for family use.

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New Wants, To Let, For Sale, Lost, Found and similar advertisements will be found on page 7.
Business Cards on page 8.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 1900.

WEST BETHEL.

L. D. Grover and wife called on friends at Bethel Hill, Monday.
Mrs. M. E. Tyler is with her sister, Mrs. Asa Prescott at Swan's Corner, this week.

"All Fool's Day" draweth near, so open your eyes to discover the tricks and traps.

Miss Vivien Rollins of Gilead, visited Misses Emma and Edith Briggs, last week.

Adrian Grover and Miss Grace Farwell are attending the spring term of Gould's Academy.

Those who delight in solving puzzles, should compete for the valuable prizes offered in the Portland Transcript.

Charles H. and LeRoy B. Brackett, who are working in a mill near Rumford Falls, were in town the first of the week.

There is much more fun in sliding down the hillsides of the crust, than in getting the sleds back to the starting places.

We have received a nicely printed catalogue of seeds and agricultural implements, from George B. Haskell & Co., Lewiston, which shows what fine work is done in the News job office.

D. H. McLeod, after an absence of two weeks in Massachusetts, returned to the village Saturday, and is again seen behind the counters in the store of Mrs. L. E. Bean. He has many friends here.

UPTON.

The snow is settling.

The children enjoy the morning crusts.

William Sargent and family have moved back to his place.

The teams and crew of H. T. Chase came out of the woods, Monday, the 26th.

Hollis Abbott has returned from Portland and reports that his brother, Asa, is recovering from his recent critical illness.

Ellsworth Lombard has bought the school house in Mill district, and converted it into a dwelling house and moved his family into it.

MASON.

Maurice Tyler tapped his sugar place Monday.

Chas. A. Dunham and Eli Grover are sawing spruce for Mr. Leighton.

A. J. McAllister has finished work for J. W. Bennett, and has gone to Chatham, where he will work turning dowels for S. H. Harriman. His family is staying at D. E. Mills' at present.

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Miss Bessie Searle spent the day with us recently.

We had a pleasant call from Miss Ethel Hammons.

Mr. Frank Bisbee was called away suddenly by the illness of a relative.

The theme of the Sunday discourse by Rev. O. L. Stone was the "Salvation of Sinners."

H. S. Hastings is cleaning sabbuckets and getting altogether ready for sugar weather.

Messrs. Smith and Gaudet have been moving their goods home from the logging camp at Andover.

Last week a town-boarder quietly put his personal property in a bundle, placed it on a sled and started off to make a living for himself.

The scholars who attended the school of Dwight Elliot the past winter, recently spent the day with him at his home in Andover. An early start and a late return, gave a lengthy visit. The delightful ride, bountiful dinner, music and games were enjoyed with the zest that youth alone can give.

Bear River Grange at its last session secured four applications for membership. The question, "How to obtain the greatest value from the hay crop," was discussed. A song by J. C. Saunders. The patrons decided to invest a portion of their funds in buying a supply of groceries, to be placed in the hands of E. B. Lane. After the usual meeting, the thrice delayed oyster and pastry supper was duly appreciated.

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GILEAD.

Charles Bemis' little girl is sick. Ed and Albion Wilson have gone away to work.

Mr. J. W. Bennett spent Sunday in Portland, returning home Monday night.

Allie Bennett's children have the whooping cough, and Ray is very sick with it.

Al Scribner's little girls, and Mr. Glidden's children are also sick with the whooping cough.

BRYANT POND.

C. C. Dudley is the guest of his parents.

Fred Whitman, has purchased the Newell Rowe farm.

Mr. A. Richmond has moved into the J. M. Gallison rent.

Trotting horses on the Lake, is much enjoyed at present.

Jimmie Farnum has moved into the rent near the Baptist church.

Charlie Farnum has moved his family from South Bethel, into Jos. Seams' house.

Mrs. Dollie Carroll is visiting friends and relatives in Boston, Matapan and Franklin, Mass.

Miss Lottie Peavey has returned to the Mary Hitchcock Hospital, after a vacation of three weeks.

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WEST LOVELL.

Mrs. Mary Harriman has returned to her home in Groveton, N. H.

Mr. I. H. McAllister and wife are rejoicing over the advent of a boy born March 18. Mrs. D. W. Nickols is caring for mother and son.

John A. Fox went to Portland, last Saturday, to buy a sawdust blower for his mill.

Mr. Stuart Horr of Vermont, was here last week, to visit his sister Mrs. John Fox.

Mr. C. D. Lord was home from Chatham, last Sunday.

Mr. Woodbury Grey, has moved from Roscoe LeBaron's place to Fryeburg Centre, and Mr. LeBaron has moved from the town farm to his home.

SILK GOODS.

TAFFETA SILK.

Sixty different tints of fine Taffeta Silk. Although raw silk, dyes and labor have advanced many percent, we sell these high grade Taffeta Colored Silks at 75c Black at same price.

POPLIN SILK.

A rich, lustrous, wearable silk that takes a high place this season. A score of colorings.

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TAFFETA CORD.

Of Silk, clusters of cords 2 and 4 cord clusters alternating. It being 24 inches wide but 8 yards are needed for a waist.

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SILK PLISSE.

Self color heavy crepe stripes on delicately tinted grounds.

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Prices, \$1.25 and \$1.50 (Yes, you'll find them elsewhere at \$1.00 and even less, but the stripes are cotton)

CREPE DE CHINE.

Delicate as a Butterfly's wing, and as prettily tinted.

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Foulards.

On blue, black, green, brown, purple, red grounds are printed fantastic figures in white.

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Wash Silks.

From Japan, half a hundred styles. Corded weaves at 50c

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Manhattan Fire Insurance Company, of the City of New York.

Assets DEC. 31, 1899.	
Stocks and bonds	\$430,250 00
Cash in office and bank	430,714 39
Uncollected premiums	146,859 03
Admitted assets	\$1,007,823 42
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1899.	
Net unpaid losses	\$42,337 30
Unearned premiums	292,539 85
All other liabilities	7,400 10
Total	\$342,277 25
Cash capital	600,000 00
Surplus over all liabilities	74,206 01
Total liabilities and surplus	\$1,016,483 26

NEW JERSEY PLATE GLASS INSURANCE CO., Newark, N. J.

Assets DEC. 31, 1899.	
Real Estate	\$10,350 00
Mortgage loans	130,820 00
Cash in office and bank	18,939 08
Bills receivable	21 48
Agents' balances	21 48
Interest and rents	1,845 73
Uncollected premiums	9,279 55
Total	\$176,835 32
Less agents' credit balances	131 34
Gross Assets	\$176,703 98
Deduct items not admitted	395 25
Admitted Assets	\$176,308 73
LIABILITIES, DEC. 31, 1899.	
Net unpaid losses	\$1,997 56
Unearned premiums	41,469 81
All other liabilities	469 33
Total	\$43,936 70
Cash capital	100,000 00
Surplus over all liabilities	32,342 03
Total liabilities and surplus	\$176,278 73

The National Assurance Co., of Dublin, Ireland.

Assets, Dec. 31, 1899.	
Stocks and bonds	\$340,445 00
Cash in office and bank	55,531 23
Agents' balances	72,700 39
Interest and rents	3,440 82
Admitted assets	\$472,117 44
LIABILITIES, DEC. 31, 1899.	
Net unpaid losses	\$34,801 46
Unearned premiums	126,20